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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 28, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks to place the pending claims in condition for immediate allowance. Please charge \$390 for the three enclosed provisional terminal disclaimers to deposit account 08-3038/10437.0081.NPUS01. Applicants are also submitting an information disclosure statement and a formal drawing. Applicants believe no additional fees are required. However, should any fees be required for any reason relating to the present submission, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0081.NPUS01.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.